

City of Rockville Environment Commission
Watersheds Committee (WC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 16, 2011
Red Maple Room, Rockville City Hall
7:15 pm

Meeting Attendance: Steve Cardon, Anne Goodman, Nancy Laurson, Environmental Management staff member Zack Glenn and staff liaison Amanda Matheny.

1. Environment Commission (EC) Report:

- S. Cardon reported:
 - Comments related to the Rockville Pike Plan are due by March 9 2011.
 - John Becker was selected to fill the Commission vacancy.
 - We are still waiting for information on the public meeting for the K-12 Environmental Curricula discussion.

2. Environmental Mgmt. Division Report:

- A. Matheny reported:
 - The final language for the Cabin John watershed study will be available in early March for review and discussion. The March Watersheds Committee meeting will focus on gathering questions and comments related to the final language. Lise Soukup, EMD, will provide the report to all committee members in early March. ***Since the 2/16/2011 meeting, it was determined that the March meeting should be moved back one week to 3/22/2011 to provide more time for comment.**
 - SOS Stream Monitoring is gearing up and residents/volunteer monitors are beginning to contact EMD to sign up for the monitoring events.
 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) was conducted this week in a section of Watts Branch. No illicit discharges were detected.

3. Discussion: Fats Oils and Grease Program Update

- Zack Glenn, Watershed Specialist reported:
 - The FOG program has been moving rapidly, with nearly all of the food service establishments in Rockville being inspected for grease management practices in 2010. Approximately 30 establishments still require initial inspections. The majority of the establishments that were found to be out of compliance were very quick to ensure they reached compliance in a timely manner.
 - The food service establishments that were out of compliance for grease management procedures did not appear to be improperly managing fats oils and grease with malicious intent, rather, it was a lack of knowledge about the effects improper storage and disposal of grease can have on the environment. Zack reported that he took time to explain the importance of proper handling of fats oils and grease to food service establishment owners.

4. Discussion: Watersheds Committee Goals for 2011

- The committee discussed a series of goals to achieve in 2011. These goals are currently in the process of being better defined and timelines are being developed to help guide the progress of the goals throughout the year.

5. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

5. Next Steps:

Prior to the March meeting all committee members should read the Cabin John watershed study final report language and come prepared with questions and comments. If you are new to the Watersheds Committee and would like to be included in the discussion for the March meeting please contact Amanda Matheny at amatheny@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8877.

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
**Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 7:15 pm in the Blue Crab conference room at
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.**